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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BELIZE AIRWAYS LIMITED (BAL)

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BELIZE 0385; 0420 AND 0701

1. BELIZE CHIEF CIVIL AVIATION OFFICER LEO BALDERAMOS VISITED CONGEN AUGUST 24 AND DURING CONVERSATION STATED HMG HAD ALREADY DESIGNATED BAL PER US-UK AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT. ACCORDING BALDERAMOS, UK EMBASSY WAS TO HAVE NOTIFIED DEPARTMENT FORMALLY ON AUGUST 23 OR 24. HIS SOURCES WAS ALLEGED BAL-LONDON TELECON (LONDON END UNIDENTIFIED). BALDERAMOST SEEMED AWARE OF AUGUST 13 US-UKCONSULTATIONS.

2. BALDERAMOS ALSO EXHIBITED TELEGRAM DATED AUGUST 23 ADDRESSED TO HIM FROM ONE CAPTAIN KAMMANN DESCRIBED AS CHIEF PILOT, BELIZE AIRWAYS, MIAMI. TELEGRAM READS:
"PLEASE CONFIRM YOU HAVE REQUESTED THE US STATE DEPARTMENT TO RENDER ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING FAA APPROVAL OF OUR TRAINING PROGRAM AND IN USING OUR B-720 AIRCRAFT, NOW ON BELIZEAN REGISTRY, FOR FAA FLIGHT CHECKS. THESE AIRCRAFT ARE UNDER THE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AS APPROVED BY THE FAA FOR UNITED AIRLINES AND HAVE BRITISH CONCURRENCE. USE OF OUR AIRCRAFT FOR FAA FLIGHT CHECKS IS MOST IMPORTANT. NEED REPLY FROM WASHINGTON TO LOCAL AIR CARRIER OR
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GADO OFFICE IN MIAMI."

3. BALDERAMOS SAID HE WROTE CONGEN MAY 26 REQUESTING ABOVE ASSISTANCE, BUT WE FIND NO RECORD OF IT. MORE LIKELY HE IS THINKING OF EARLIER LETTER WHICH RESULTED IN BELIZE 420. DESPITE WORDING OF KAMMANN TELEGRAM, BALDERAMOS SAYS BAL IS AT PRESENT PRIMARILY SEEKING FAA APPROVAL OF BAL GROUND TRAINING FACILITY IN MIAMI; ACTUAL USE OF AIRCRAFT IN TRAINING PROGRAM COULD COME LATER.

4. WE SUPPOSE BALDERAMOS' VISIT CONSTITUTES REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE MENTIONED IN KAMMANN TELEGRAM, BUT, AS WITH CALL FROM DEPUTY PREMIER ROGERS, BAL MACHINATIONS STILL STRIKE US AS PREMATURE. FYI: BALDERAMOS IS NOW WORKING OUT OF OFFICE LOANED TO HIM BY BAL IN DOWNTOWN BELIZE CITY. WALSH

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